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REDS PLAN TO MOVE CAPITAL TO LAN-CHOU IN EVENT OF WAR -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao [Independent], 14 Aug 51

Taihoku, 13 August (Chung-lien She) -- Large-scale construction work is now being undertaken in Lan-chou in preparation for the moving of the national capital from Peiping in the event of another major war.

Taihoku, 13 August (T'ung-hsun She) -- Some 100,000 workers are now constructing 15,000 new buildings in the southeastern suburb of Lan-chou. Three thousand of the 15,000 buildings have already been completed. A 20,000-volt transformer was recently sent from Peiping to a power plant in Lan-chou to supply power to the new buildings.

LAN-CHOU TO BE BUILT UP AFTER COMPLETION OF T'IENT-SHUI--LAN-CHOU RR -- Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao [pro-Communist], 18 Oct 50

In an article entitled the "Condition of Transportation in the Northwest and Railway Construction Projects," Kao Teng-pang stated, in part: "At present, nearly 100,000 workers are constructing the Pao-chi--T'ien-shui and the T'ien-shui--Lan-chou railways. Forty-four percent of the construction work has been completed thus far. If the Pao-chi--T'ien-shui section can be completed before June 1951, great progress will have been made in the construction of the line as far as Lan-chou; it is hoped that the line will be finished within one or 2 years. After the completion of these rail lines, Lan-chou will be built up into an important center for the Northwest."

REPORTS NEW POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTED IN LAN-CHOU -- Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao [pro-Communist], 5 Nov 50

Mao Hsing-chung, in an article entitled "My Trip From Kuei-lin to Urumchi," stated: "Under the correct leadership of the Central People's government, a new electric power plant was constructed in Lan-chou. The power plant not only helps light up the whole city but also solves the power needs for local industry. The T'ien-shui--Lan-chou Railway, now under construction, is expected to be opened for traffic by the end of 1951. Undoubtedly, the embryo of the new Lan-chou is already visible."

1,000-KILOWATT GENERATOR INSTALLED -- Sian, Ch'un-chung Jih-pao [pro-Communist], 28 Mar 51

Teng Pao-shan, in his report entitled the "Summary of 1950 Activities and Duties for 1951," said that, during 1950, a 1,000-kilowatt electric generator was installed in Lan-chou and the Lan-chou Hydroelectric Power Plant is being constructed. He added that during 1951 some 15,000 workers will be recruited in the T'ien-shui, Ting-hsi, and P'ing-liang special ch'us to construct the T'ien-shui--Lan-chou Railway.

LAN-CHOU TO BECOME A CITY OF 1,200,000 -- Sian, Ch'un-chung Jih-pao [pro-Communist], 16 Nov 50

According to the Lan-chou Kansu Jih-pao, the 29th session of the Kansu Provincial Government Committee, held on 6 November 1950, established the Lan-chou Municipal Construction Committee which will formulate plans to expand Lan-chou into a city with a population of 1,200,000 beginning in 1951. The committee, composed of 20 members, is headed by Chang Tsung-hsun (張宗遜).

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